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## *Sail the Sound for Deafness* **Classic Boats to Set Sail for Mill Neck Benefit**

On Thursday August 9, 2012, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations will host a Charitable Sailing Regatta in Oyster Bay, NY called "*Sail the Sound for Deafness.*" Oakcliff Sailing, The WaterFront Center, Oyster Bay Marine Center, the North Oyster Bay Baymen's Association and various other organizations will co-host the event. The Regatta will raise funds to benefit the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, a group of organizations serving people who are Deaf and/or have other special communication needs, locally, nationally and around the world. Programs include Deaf education, early childhood education for children with speech and language delays, services for Deaf adults, audiology and sign language interpreter services.

Oakcliff Sailing is making their fleet available for a fun and elegant race around Oyster Bay and onto the Sound. The Regatta is expected to draw sailing enthusiasts from across the area. Sailors are welcome to participate with their own yachts as well. Spectators are invited to watch from The WaterFront Center's showpiece Christeen, the oldest oyster sloop in North America, for a front row seat to view some of the most exquisite sailing yachts of all time.

"It is wonderful when community groups join together to support a cause. Every organization which is participating has some interaction with people who are Deaf and/or have other special communication needs," stated Dawn Riley, Executive Director of Oakcliff Sailing. "It just makes sound sense."

A gala soiree following the Regatta will take place at the Mill Neck Manor House. This spectacular Tudor Revival mansion, overlooking the bay atop the 86-acre former estate of the Dodge family, is truly a Gold Coast treasure and a perfect site for an after-party of classic sailing yachtsmen and women.

Watch for upcoming details. For more information about the event, please call (516) 628-4243.

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to serving individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing and/or have other special needs through educational, vocational and spiritual programs and services. For more information about any of its programs, please call 516-922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>. 'Like' Mill Neck on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/millneck](http://www.facebook.com/millneck)

The Oakcliff Sailing Center is a non-profit training and coaching center located in Oyster Bay, New York. With 50+ boats and an America's Cup-like campus, Oakcliff is open to all sailors. The completely unique Acorn and Sapling programs train promising athletes in sport, technology and management. Oakcliff hopes to help America reclaim her leadership position in the marine industries. For more information: <http://www.oakcliffsailing.org> or 516-802-0368

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On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Oakcliff Sailing Center's Classic Regatta will "Sail the Sound for Deafness" to benefit the Mill Neck Family of Organizations.